In re Appln. of Verschueren et al. Application No. 10/016,960

The paragraph starting at page 14, line 1: --The same procedure as mentioned in example 3 was repeated, however a 1.5% W/W solution of [Glascol] <u>GLASCOL</u> E15 (polyacrylic acid, [commercially available from] <u>trademark of N.V. Allied Colloids</u>) was used in the refreshing step.--

The paragraph starting at page 14, line 15: --The same procedure as mentioned in example 3 was repeated, however a 9% W/W dispersion of [Syton] <u>SYTON X30</u> (colloidal silica, [commercially available from] <u>trademark of DuPont</u>) in water was used in the refreshing step.--

## Amendments to existing claims:

- 1. (Amended) Direct-to-plate method of lithographic printing with a reusable substrate having a hydrophilic surface comprising the steps of:
  - (a) making a negative-working imaging layer by coating on the hydrophilic surface a solution comprising hydrophobic thermoplastic particles;
  - (b) making a printing master having ink-accepting areas by image-wise exposing the imaging layer to heat or light;
  - (c) applying ink and fountain solution to the printing master;
  - (d) removing the ink-accepting areas from the printing master by supplying a cleaning liquid to the imaging layer thereby obtaining a recycled substrate and
  - (e) treating the recycled substrate by supplying a refreshing liquid consisting of an aqueous solution having a pH<7.
- 7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein the <u>ink and fountain</u> solution, the cleaning liquid or the refreshing liquid is sprayed or jetted onto the substrate.